

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

VERY INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

Senate Compelled to Adjourn for Want of a Quorum.

Great Excitement in the House.

AMENDMENT TO THE MINNESOTA LAND BILL.

Old States to Participate in the Proceeds Derived from Lands.

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The Latest from Washington.

THE DARREN SHIP CANAL SURVEYING EXPEDITION—NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT, ETC.

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1854.

The publications with reference to the isthmus of Darien, purporting to give the results of surveys recently attempted, here, we have the best authority for believing, either fabrications, or statements made by interested parties who have, from motives known to themselves, taken this method of attempting to damage the enterprise in the mind of the public. The government of Washington, or the English Minister, Mr. Crumpton, have no knowledge whatever of either Mr. Nelson or Mr. Ken- nish, who pretend to have made an authorized survey from the Pacific side from the British vessel Virago. The orders from the British Admiralty directed a vessel from their squadron to be stationed at the Gulf of San Miguel on the Pacific side, about the time of the arrival of the American party on the Atlantic side.

Despatches have arrived here for the Secretary of the Navy, which state that the American party was re- ceived in the hands of the New Grenadian authorities; and since the Cyane reached Calcutta Bay further despatches, perfectly satisfactory in their charac- ter, have also come to hand. The last date is the 30th of January, when the surveying party had re- ceived a few days. All the parties, consisting of the American, English, French, and New Grenadian, officers and men, amount to nearly three hundred. It is evident from these facts that no results have yet been ascertained. When anything decisive is officially known it will at once be communicated to the public, which will probably be in a few weeks.

THE OUTRAGES AT THE CHINA ISLANDS.

The intelligence of the pugnacious dispatch written by Marcy to Mr. Clay, to be communicated to the govern- ment of Peru, has frightened the agents of that country into a little common sense, and accordingly the repre- sentative of Peru here has written the State Department that full and ample damages will at once be paid for the outrages committed on Captain McCarran, of the Defiance.

THE UNION NEWS-PAPER.

A report has been circulated that Mr. John Forney has become an assistant proprietor and editor of the Union. This is, in fact, a violation of the agreement made with John Van Buren, and also of the understanding with Southern members, who declared they would not vote for Nicholson if Forney was to have any interest whatever in the Union office or paper.

THE GARDNER CASE—THE HOUSE COMMITTEE AT WORK—PORTAGE TO BE PAID ON LETTERS TO THE DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

The House Committee to investigate the Gardner case commenced its operations to-day. Compromise Whittle- sey was called before them to advise and give a history of the claim.

A petition to the President to suspend the trial of John Charles Gardner is in circulation. The number of signatures is much increased.

Persons writing to agents in the departments on personal affairs must pay the postage in future. An official note from the State Department says that postage can be allowed on official matter only.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1854.

REMONSTRANCES AGAINST THE NEBRASKA BILL.

Mr. STURGEON, (free soil) of Mass., presented several re- monstrances against the Nebraska bill.

Mr. SEWARD, (free soil) of N. Y., presented similar re- monstrances from the students of Hamilton College, New York. Also a remonstrance, one hundred feet long, signed by 3,000 persons, with their place of residence in Brooklyn. Also of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society.

Mr. CASE, (dem.) of Mich., presented similar remon- strances.

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Kings County Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Before Hon. Judge Rockwell, presiding: Hon. H. A. Moore, County Judge, and Justices Stillwell and Stryker.

TRIAL OF RICHARD BRENNAN FOR THE MURDER OF MICHAEL HOBAN.

THIRD DAY.

MARCH 9.—The court assembled at 10 o'clock this morning.

DEFENCE FOR THE DEFENCE CONTINUED.

Patrick McCormick sworn—Resides in Williamsburg; is a Deputy Sheriff; is acquainted with prisoner; had been for five or four years; recollected this transaction; that he saw Brennan in the cell after the murder; his shirt was torn and the buttons broke off; his character for orderly conduct and morality is good; I live within three or four doors of his house; it was between seven and eight o'clock in the morning that I saw him.

James Hobbins sworn—Reside at 235 Second street, Williamsburg; I am a manufacturer of silk goods; an ac- quainted with the prisoner since he was in the prison; his character is good; he is a moral and upright man; I saw him probably once a week till this affair oc- curred.

Patrick Flaherty sworn—Am not engaged in business; have been acquainted with the prisoner for about three years; his character is good, in my opinion; a better character than I saw him in; he has a public house for about three years.

James Calhoun sworn—Reside in Williamsburg; am a policeman; know Mr. Brennan; have known him during the last two years; he is a good man; his character is good; never been in his house but once; became ac- quainted with him while patrolling that beat.

Edw. united with the prisoner since he was in the prison; an excellent reputation; he was an officer in the 72d regt.

George J. sworn—Am not engaged in any busi- ness; am a President of the Board of Common Council in Williamsburg; have known him for a very long time; he is a good man; he has been in his house several times.

The Court here took a recess for ten minutes, to avail themselves of the opportunity to examine the defence.

On re-assembling, Judge Rogers said he expected to prove by the absent witnesses that the prisoner had his gun in the rooming house at the time of the murder; and that the period intervening from the time Brennan started for the gun and came back was not more than a few minutes.

James Millwood sworn—Am a gunsmith in Williams- burg; have been engaged in the business for about seven years; I am a gunsmith; I have seen the prisoner; he is a good man; he has been in his house several times.

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